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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 206
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A RESOLUTION to designate April 13, 1997 as "Marguerite Henry Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary individuals who have given unreservedly of themselves to their profession and their community; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Henry is one such outstanding individual, who is highly regarded as one of the world's most renowned authors of children's books; and

WHEREAS, for over fifty years, her writings about horses and other animals are favorites of the citizens of Maury County, young and old alike, as well as all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Henry has won the prestigious Newberry Award for children's literature for *Misty of Chincoteague*, the story of the wild ponies who live on an island off the coast of Virginia, and *King of the Wind*, a story about the origins of thoroughbred horse breeding; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Marguerite Henry published *Brown Sunshine of Sawdust Valley*, a book about a young Maury County girl who has a profound love for horses but grows to love a mule even more; and

WHEREAS, Brown Sunshine was an actual mule that was owned by Willis H. Brown of Sawdust Valley in western Maury County; and

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WHEREAS, Brown Sunshine was selected King Mule in Maury County's "Mule Day" in Columbia in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Henry used Tennessee's official Mule Artist, Bonnie Shields, to provide the illustrations for *Brown Sunshine of Sawdust Valley* that beautifully depict Brown Sunshine and the people and places of Maury County; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 1997, in honor of her 95th birthday, the people of Maury County and Tennessee will honor Marguerite Henry for her outstanding literary accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That for the purposes delineated in the preamble of this resolution, Sunday, April 13, 1997 is hereby designated as "Marguerite Henry Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.